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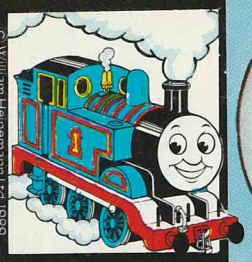

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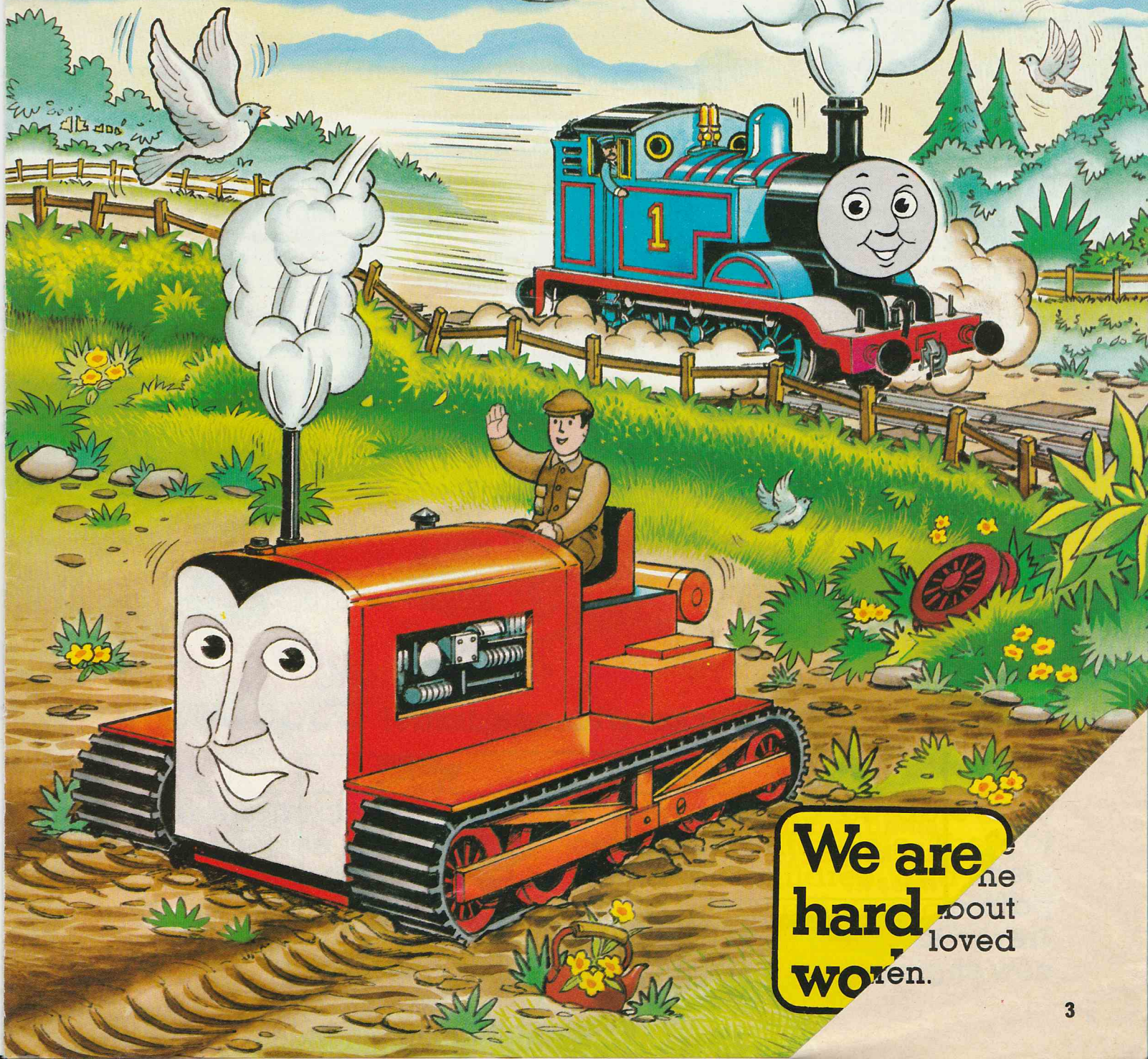

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THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! It's time to say hello to our old friend Trevor the Traction Engine – there are two whole stories about him in this issue! But there's still plenty of room for Thomas, Terence the Tractor, James and even Daisy too! Happy reading!

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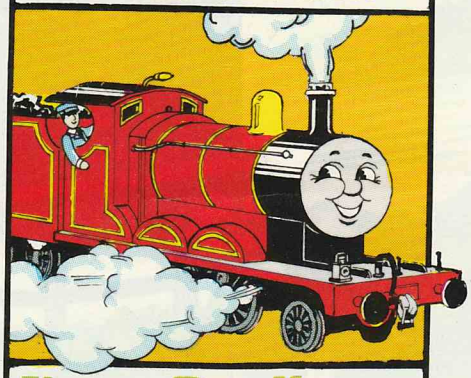

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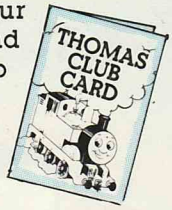

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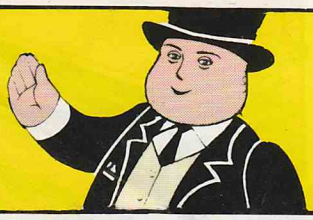

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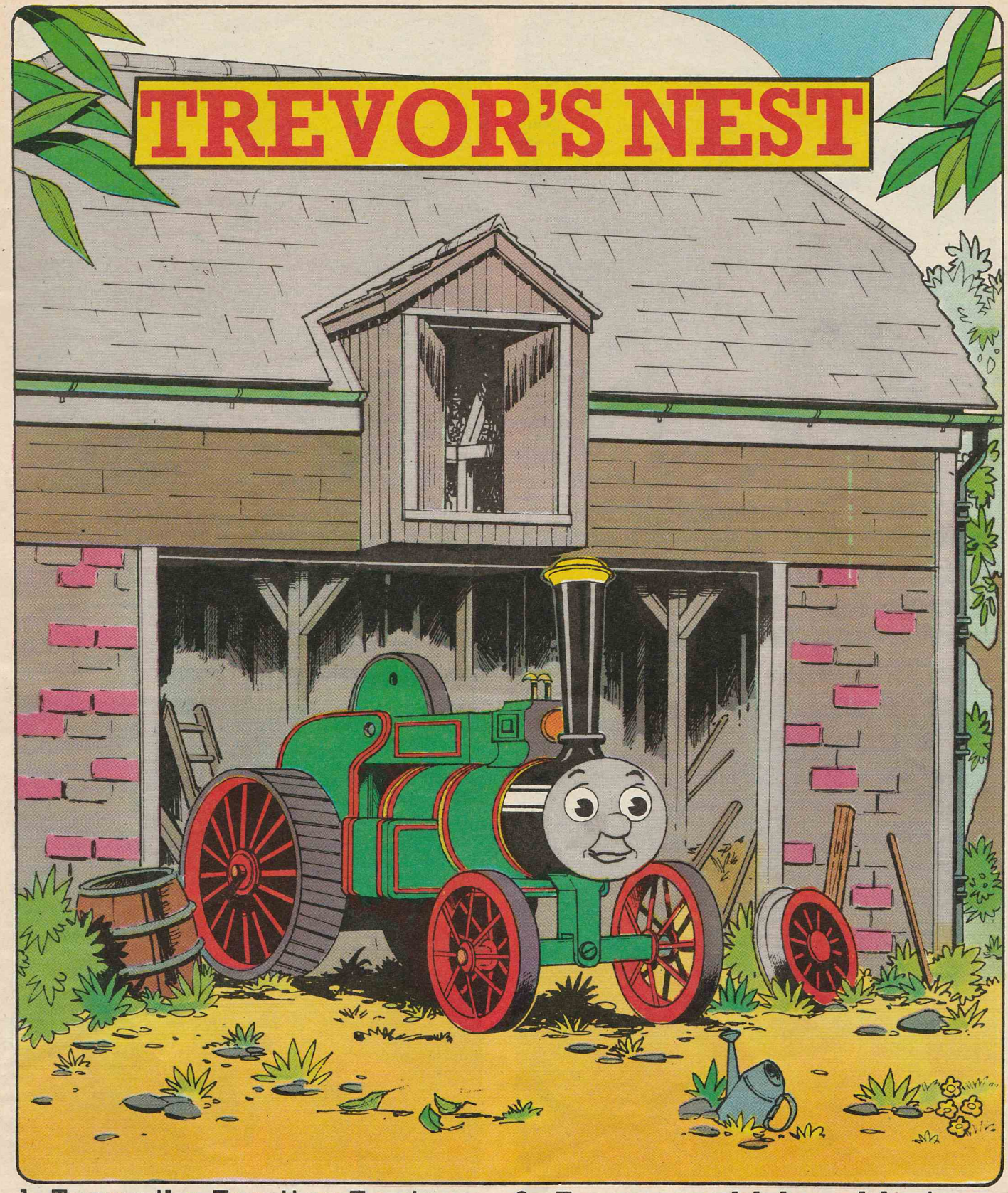
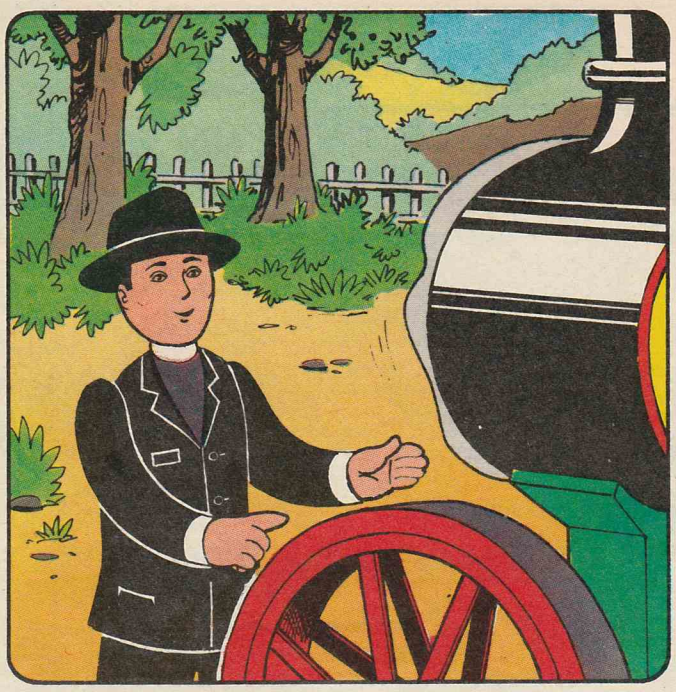
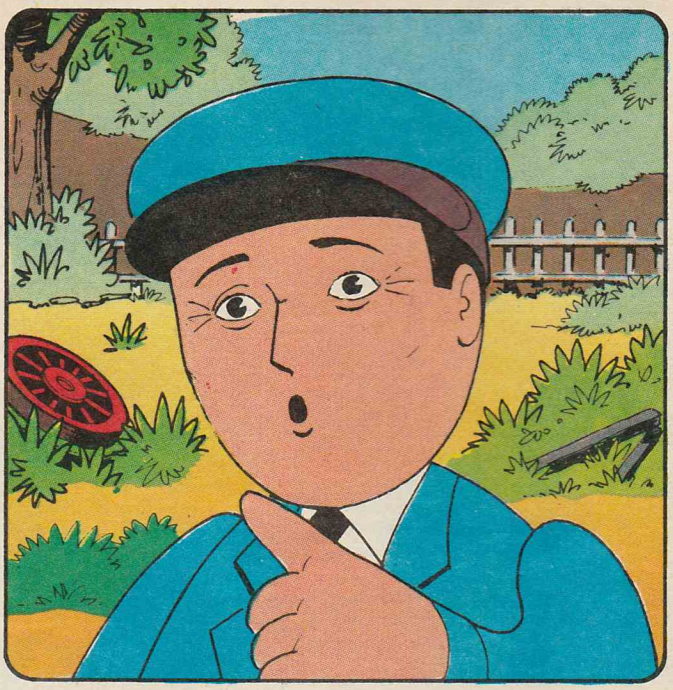


1. Trevor the Traction Engine had been inside his shed in the Vicarage Orchard for the whole of the winter. He was looking forward to the Spring Fête.

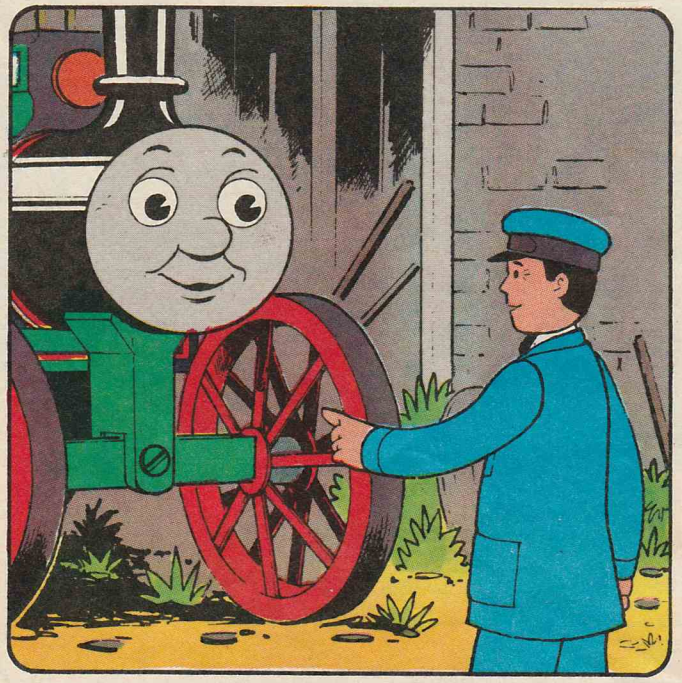
2. Trevor would be able to come out for the Fête. There would be children and he would give them rides about the orchard. Trevor loved giving rides to children.



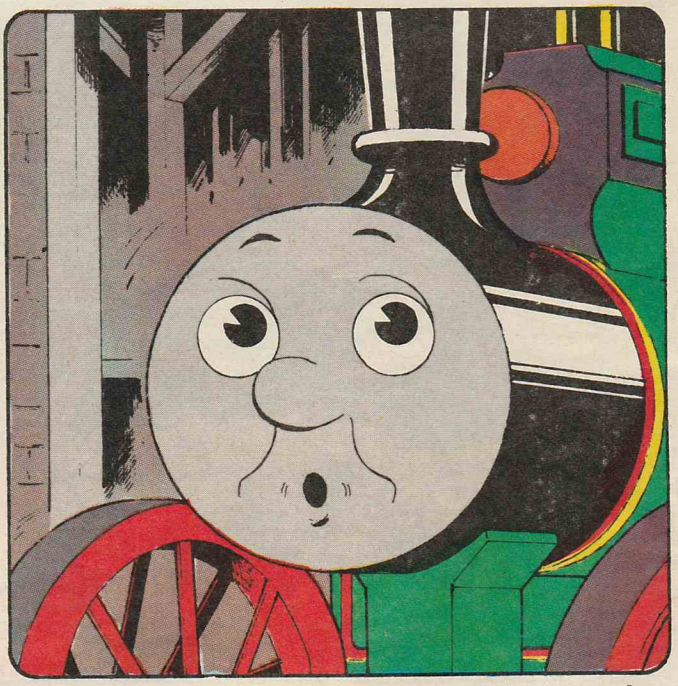
3. The Vicar popped into Trevor's shed from time to time to see how he was. It was nice to have company and they would talk about the arrangements for the Fête.



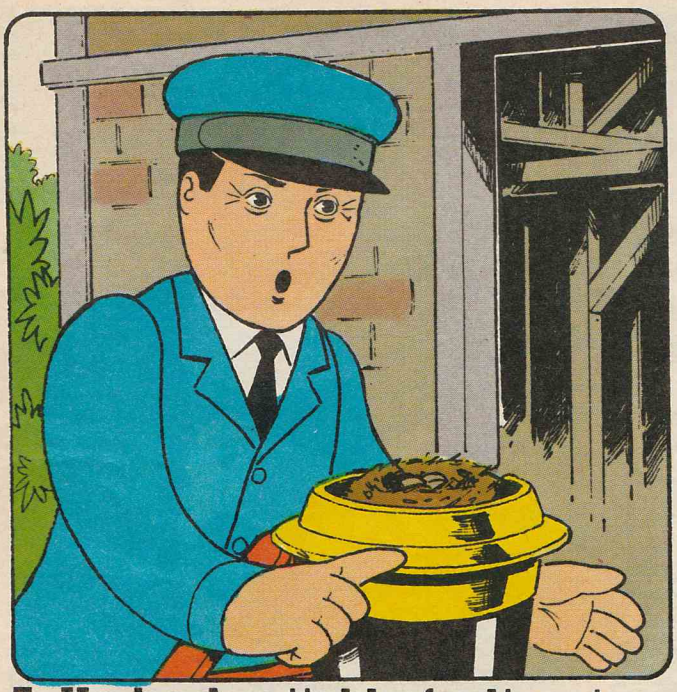
4. Trevor's driver came round too, to clean Trevor up so that he would be ready. "Me, oh my, Trevor," he said. "But you're covered in **dust** and even a little bit of **rust**!"



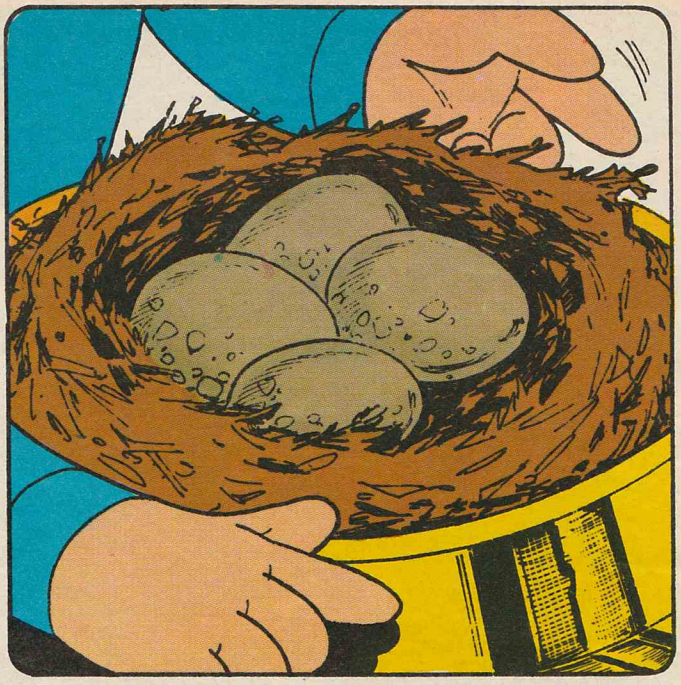
5. Trevor's driver worked hard to get Trevor ready. He cleaned and polished and painted and scrubbed, until Trevor looked like a brand new engine again!



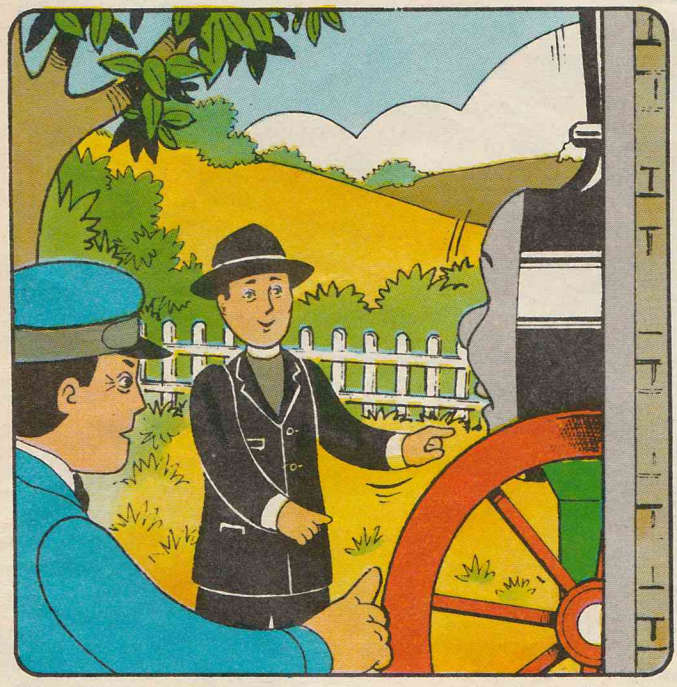
6. "We'll take you out next week for a trial run," said Trevor's driver. Trevor was looking forward to it. But then one morning, he woke up feeling rather funny.



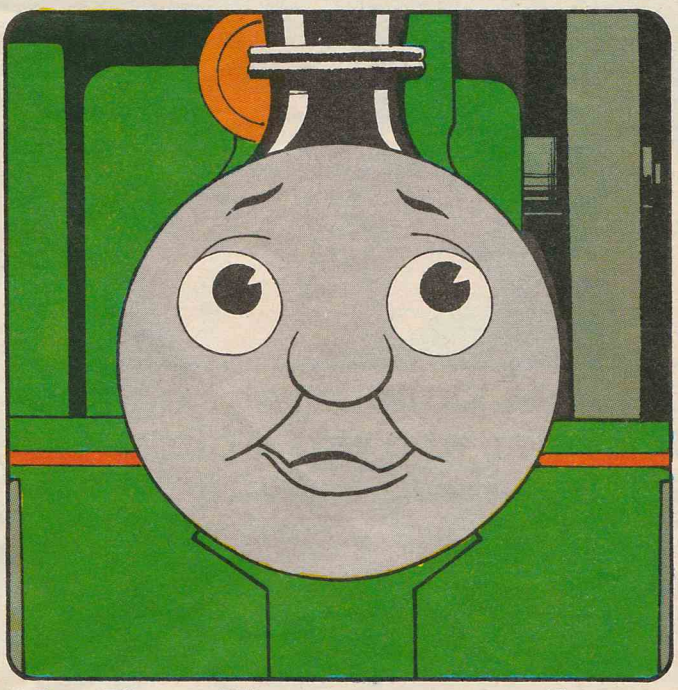
7. He had a tickly feeling in his chimney which was most peculiar. His driver came round and Trevor told him he felt strange. His driver climbed up to take a look.



8. There, in the top of Trevor's chimney, was a little bird's nest with four small eggs inside. "Me, oh my," said Trevor's driver. "What shall we do with you?"



9. The Vicar came into the shed to see how Trevor was. "Aren't you coming out today, Trevor?" he asked. "Well . . ." said Trevor. "I don't think I shall now. No."



10. The Vicar was rather surprised that Trevor had changed his mind. "You see," said Trevor. "I've a bird's nest in my chimney and I don't want to disturb it."

11. "Oh! Quite right," agreed the Vicar, who was a bird lover himself. Soon the day of the Spring Fête arrived. The orchard looked lovely, decorated with streamers and full of children playing. Trevor watched from inside his little shed, but he was not lonely. The four young starlings had hatched out and kept him company.

12. Some of the children also looked in on Trevor. They were very quiet so they could hear the twittering of the baby birds, and when they kept very still they saw the mother starling fly in with some food. Trevor was very happy. Soon the baby birds would grow up and leave the nest and then he would come out again too.

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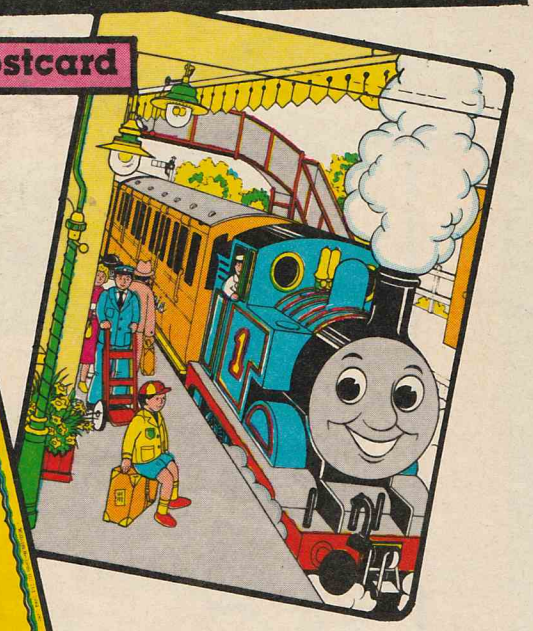

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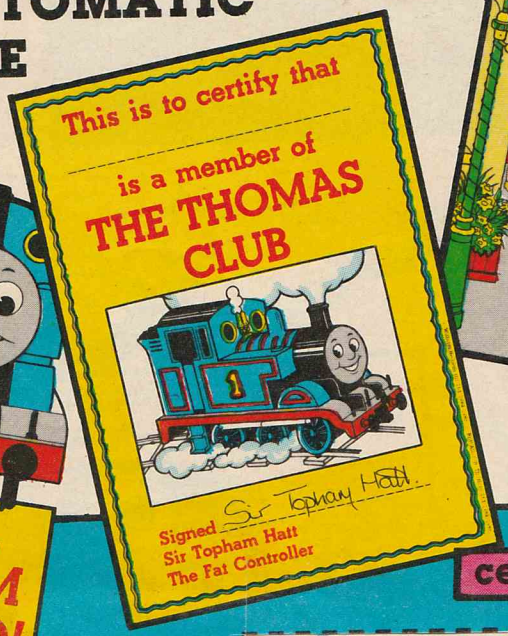

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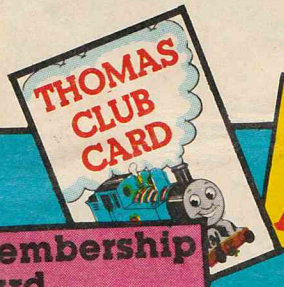

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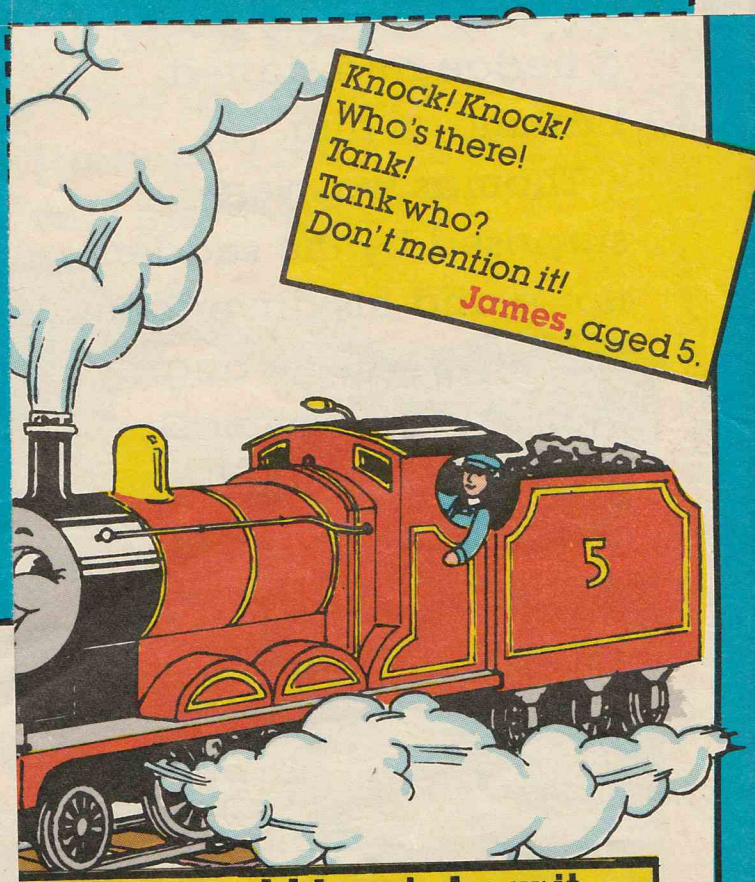

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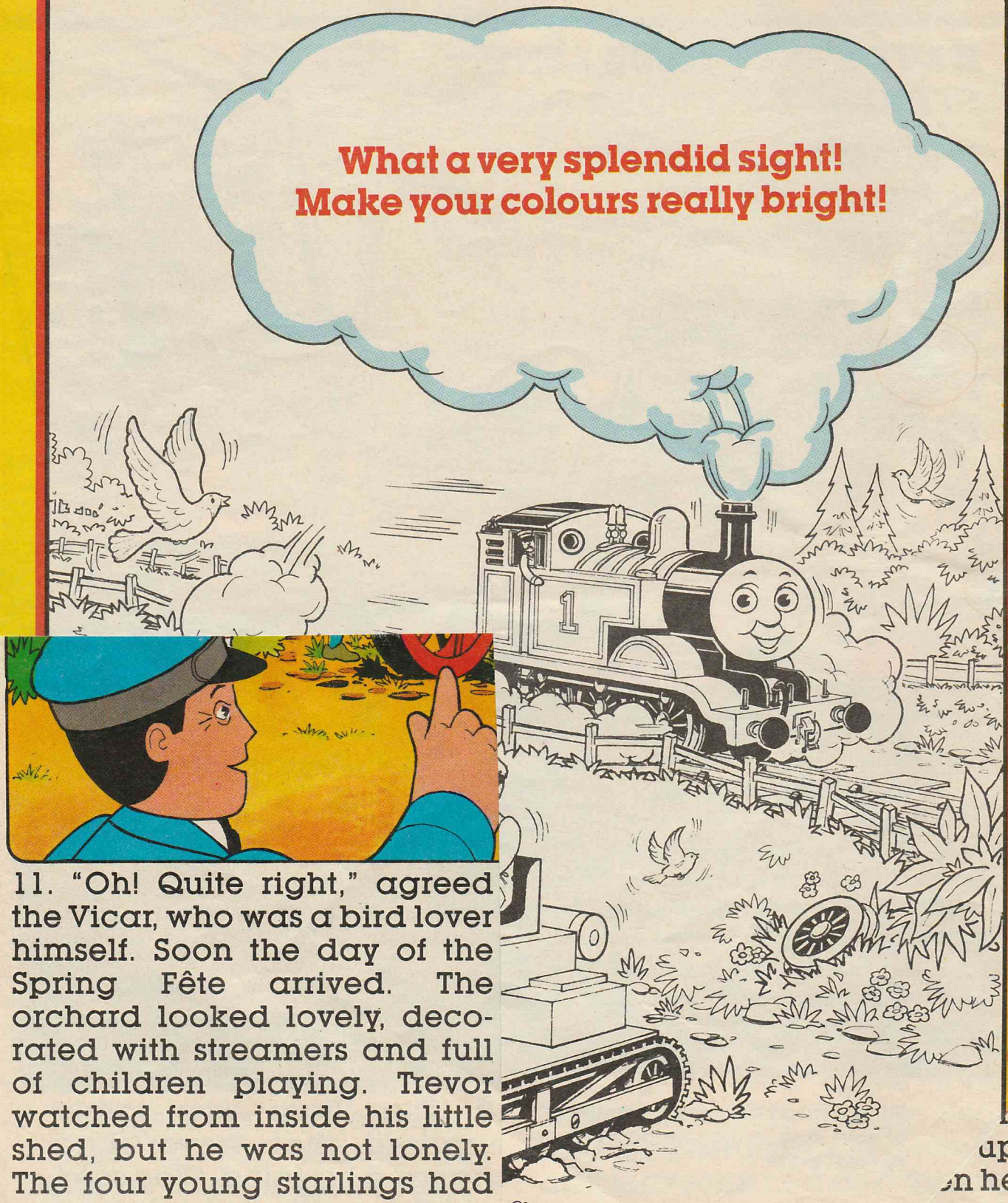

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In our next issue: Na… able!

JAMES'S JAPES!

What do you call a witch who lives in the desert?
A sandwitch!
Donovan, aged 7.

What stands on four legs and gives milk?
Two milkmen!
Mark, aged 4.

What do you do when a bee breaks its leg?
Take it to a waspital!
Diane, aged 3.

What is the opposite of cock-a-doodle-doo?
Cock-a-doodle-don't!
Laura, aged 3.

What is the difference between a hill and a pill?
A hill is hard to get up and a pill is hard to get down!
Harry, aged 6.

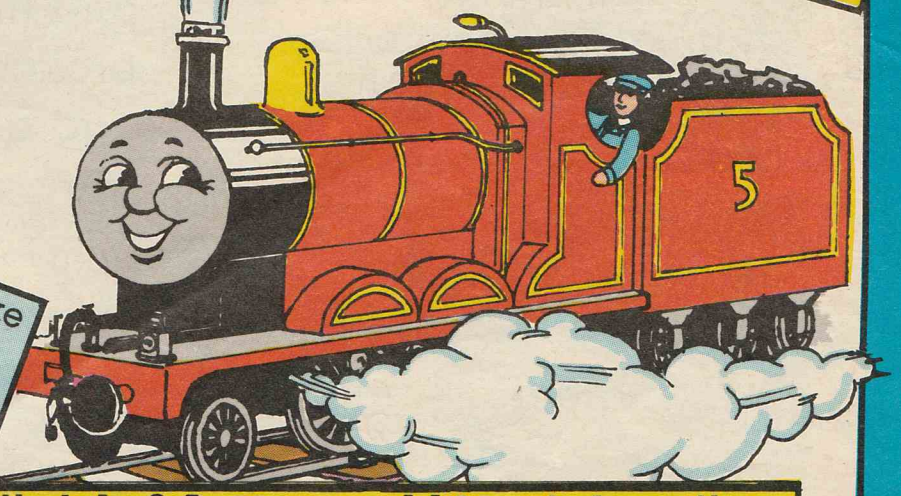
What's very tall and made of jelly, cream and custard!
The trifle tower!
Emma, aged 6.

When is the best time to buy budgies?
When they are going cheep!
Nadia, aged 4.

Knock! Knock!
Who's there!
Tank!
Tank who?
Don't mention it!
James, aged 5.

What do you get if you cross a river with a boat?
To the other side!
Daniel, aged 8.

Doctor! Doctor! I feel like a dustbin!
Don't talk rubbish!
David, aged 5.



Have you got a favourite joke? James would love to hear it. Send it to him at the address on the letters page!

A read-aloud story!

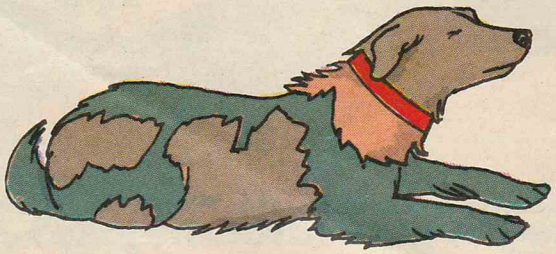
Thomas and the Sheepdog

One morning Thomas was puffing along the line between some fields full of sheep. All of a sudden a dog came running out from behind a hedge and started barking at him.

Thomas was very surprised by the sudden noise and his driver blew Thomas's whistle angrily at the dog. "How nasty," said Thomas. "That dog gave me a shock. He should not run up at engines and bark like that."

"You are quite right, Thomas," said his driver. "He should keep away from engines. But he did not mean to frighten you. I am sure he only wanted to be friendly." Thomas was not so sure. "I think he must be a very silly dog," he said.

The next day Thomas was puffing by the same fields when suddenly he had to stop! A fence between the field and the railway had broken and the sheep had got onto the line. They gathered around Thomas bleating.



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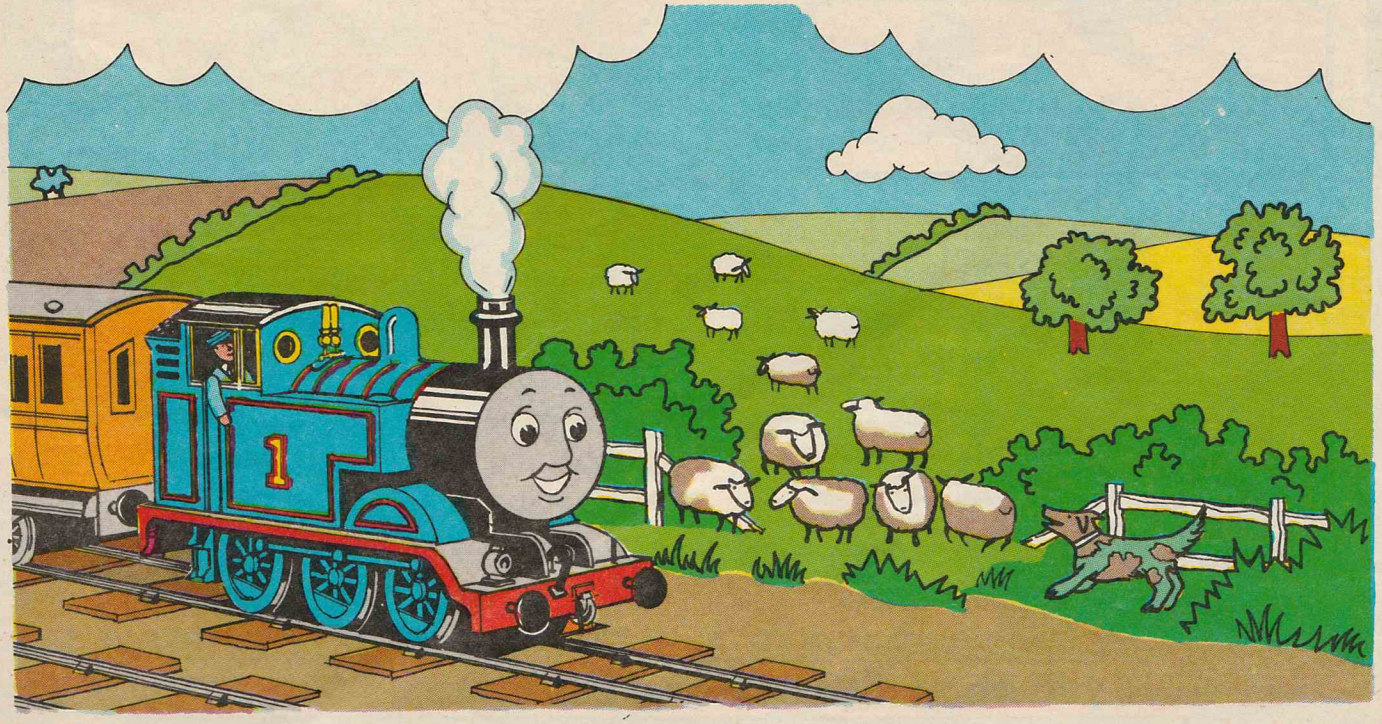
"What shall we do?" asked Thomas. "We cannot go on until the sheep are out of the way. The Fat Controller will not be pleased if I am late." Thomas's driver and fireman got out and tried to chase the sheep back to their field. But as fast as they moved them off the railway, the sheep kept coming back! All that happened was that the driver and fireman got very tired.

Then they heard a bark. It was the same dog that had barked at Thomas the day before. He ran around the sheep so that they all huddled together in one group. Then he ran from one side of the group to the other, chasing the sheep back towards the hole in the fence. In no time at all the sheep were back in their field. Thomas's driver and fireman blocked the hole in the fence with some pieces of wood that were lying nearby.

"Well Thomas," said his driver, "do you still think the dog is silly?"

"Not at all," said Thomas, "I think he is a very clever dog."



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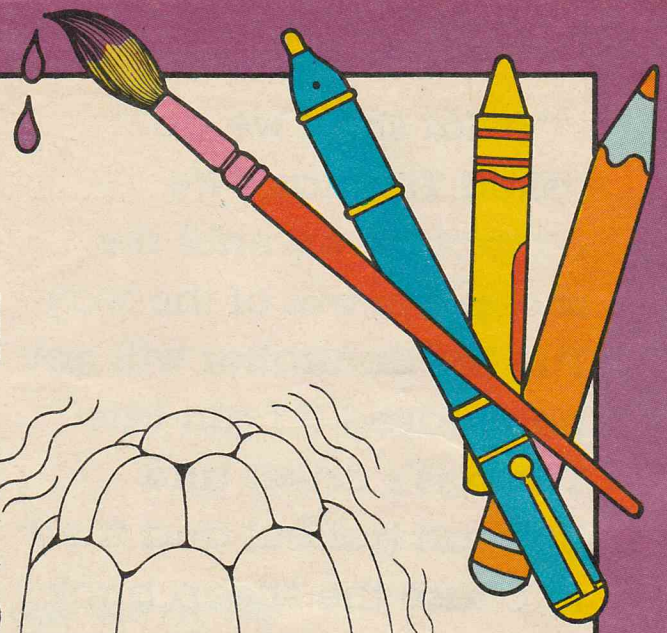

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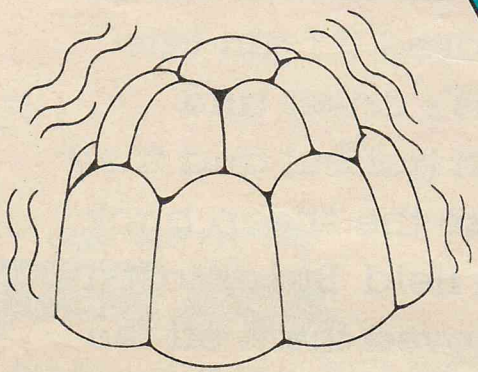

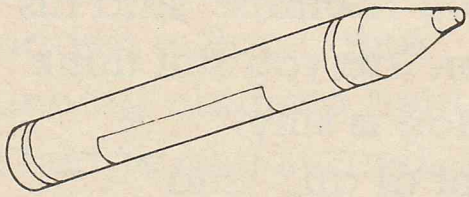

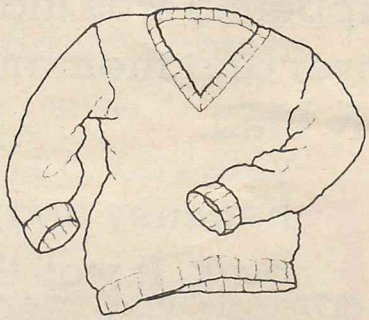

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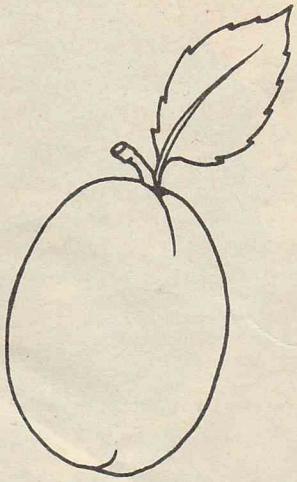

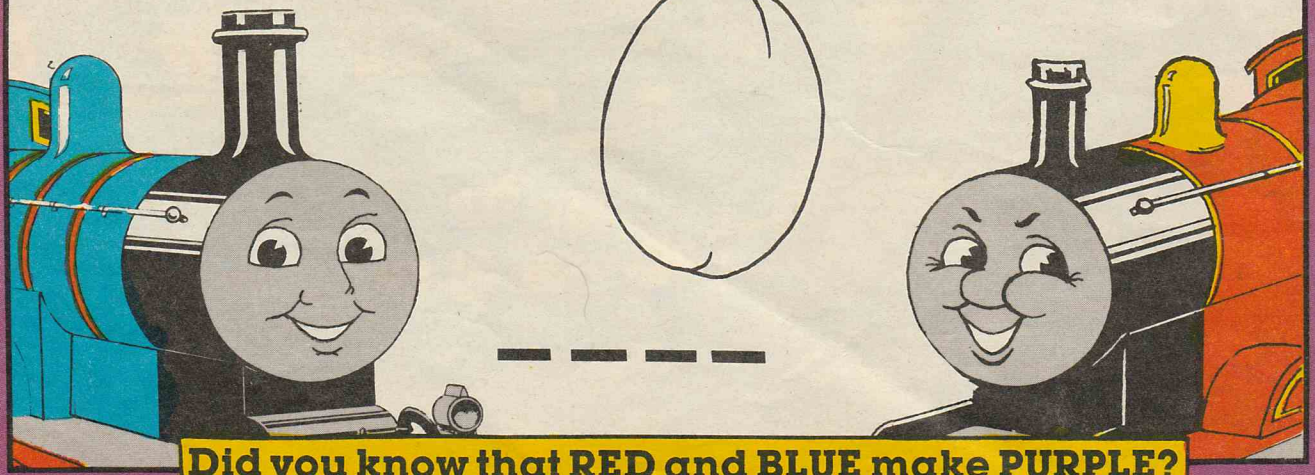

Did you know that RED and BLUE make PURPLE?

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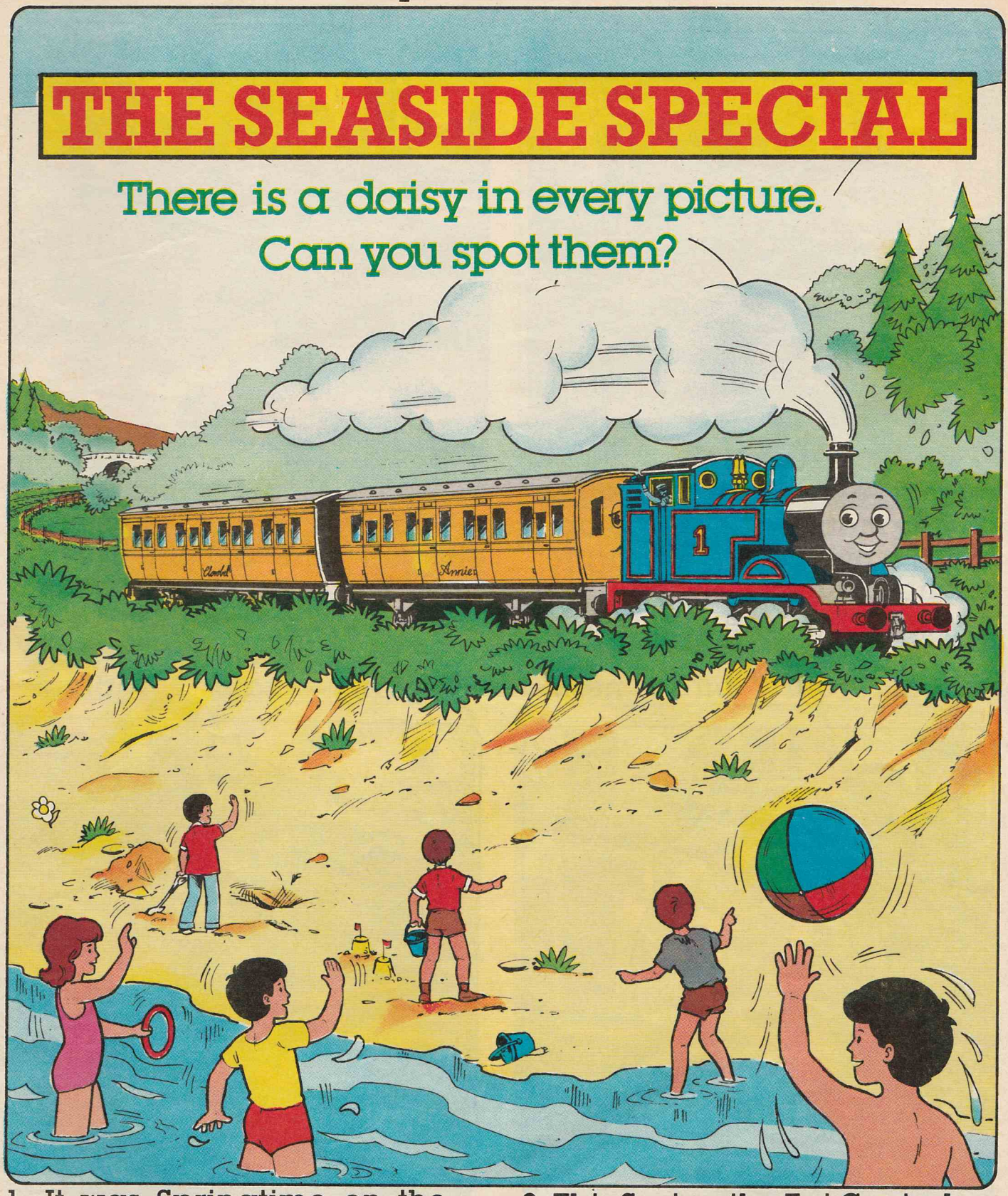
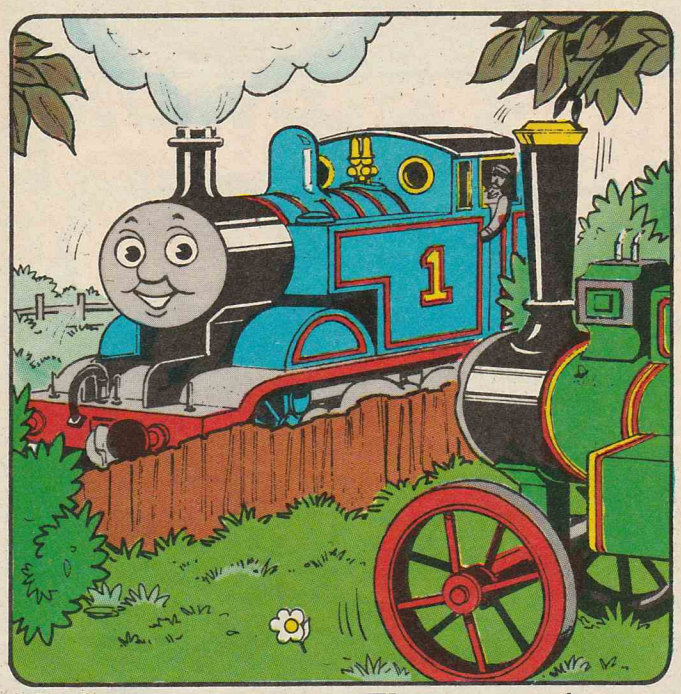
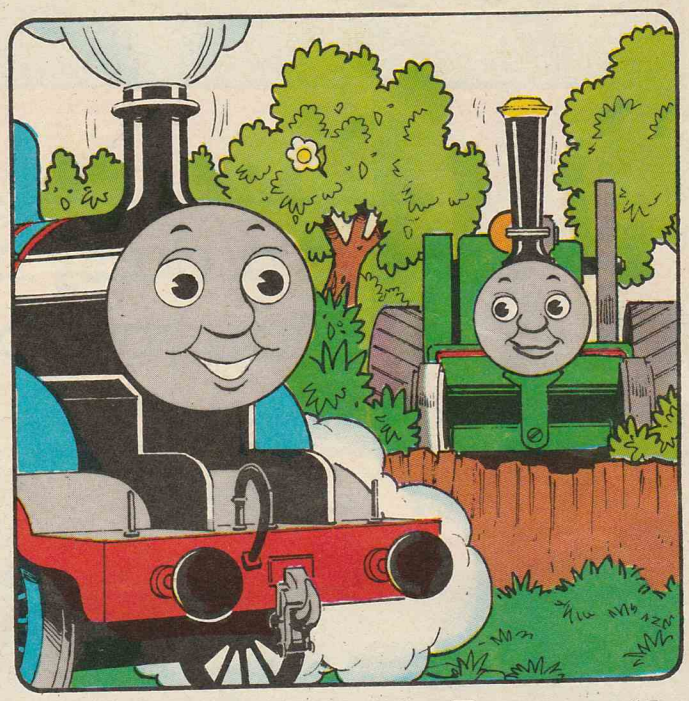


1. It was Springtime on the Island of Sodor. Many people came to the island for their holidays. They liked to come because there are such lovely, sandy beaches.

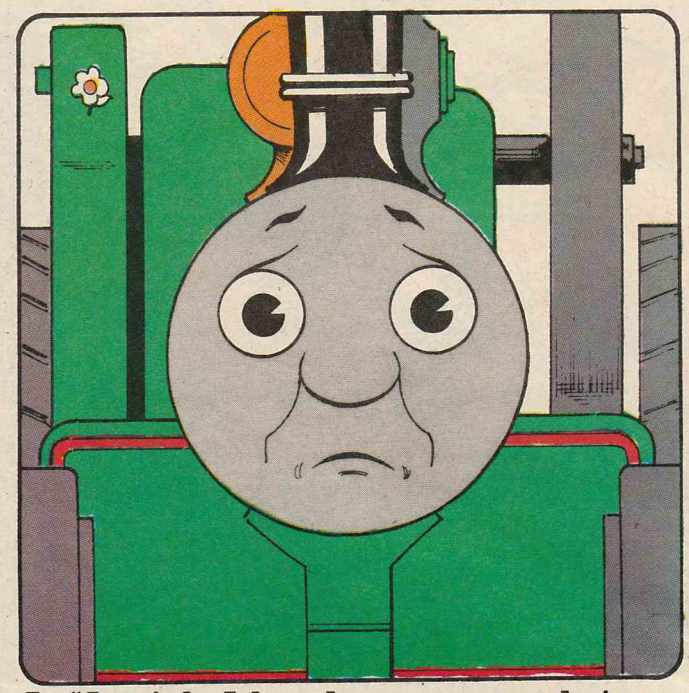
2. This Spring the Fat Controller decided to reopen the old line which ran along the seafront. Thomas pulled the train which was called the Seaside Special.



3. One morning Thomas stopped by the Vicarage orchard. He was always glad to see his friend, Trevor. "Hullo," he said. "I heard about your bird's nest."

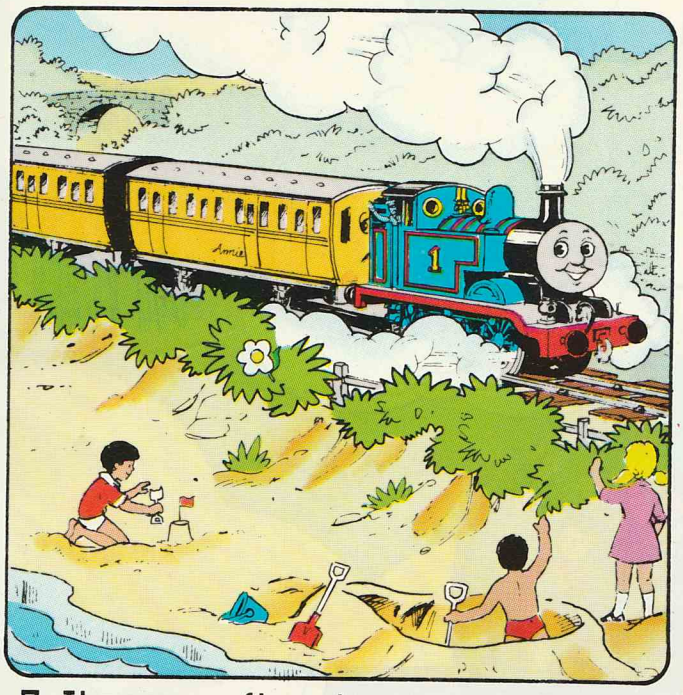


4. "Oh yes," said Trevor. "I enjoyed that, but the birds have flown away now. What are you up to, Thomas?" "I'm off to pull the Seaside Special," said Thomas.

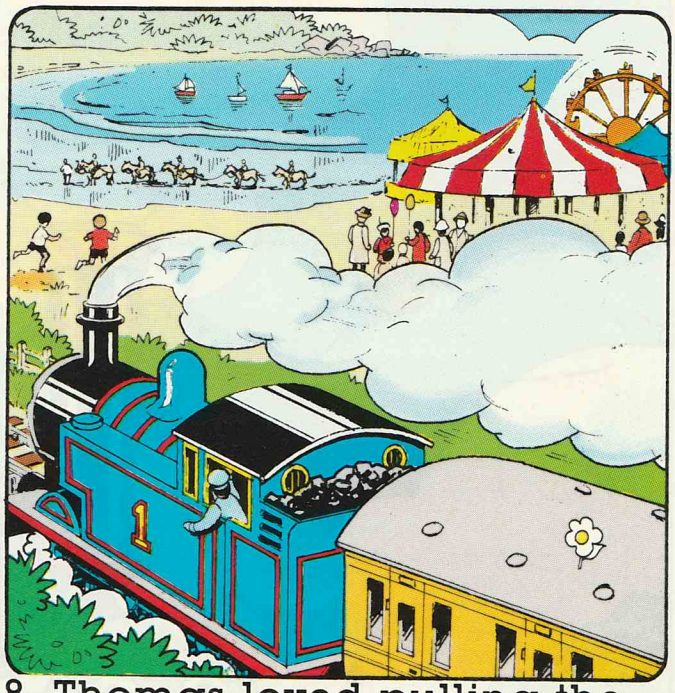


5. "I wish I had more work to do," said Trevor. "In the old days I used to be working all the time, on farms and in fields. But now, I hardly get out at all."

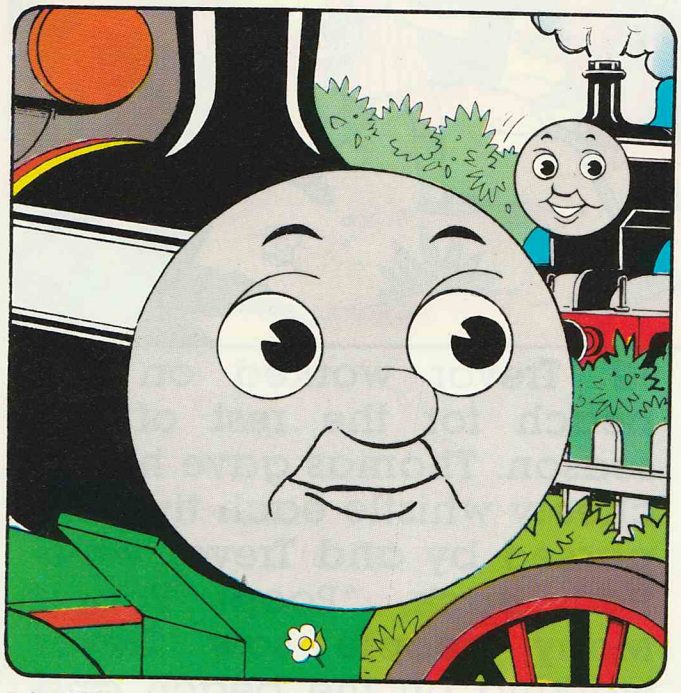
6. "Poor Trevor," thought Thomas as he puffed away. "I wish there was something I could do." He collected Annie and Clarabel for the Seaside Special.



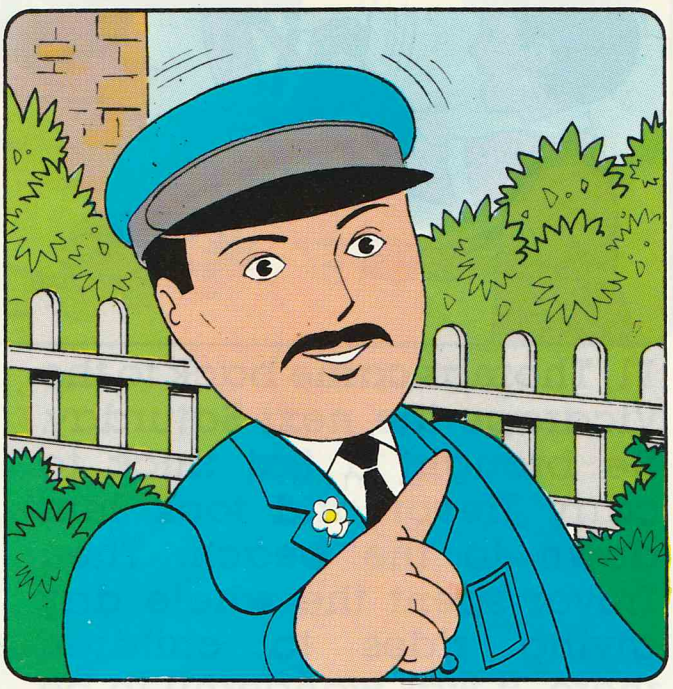
7. It was a fine journey along the cliffs by the sea and then past the sandy beaches. The train was full of children and Annie and Clarabel were very happy.



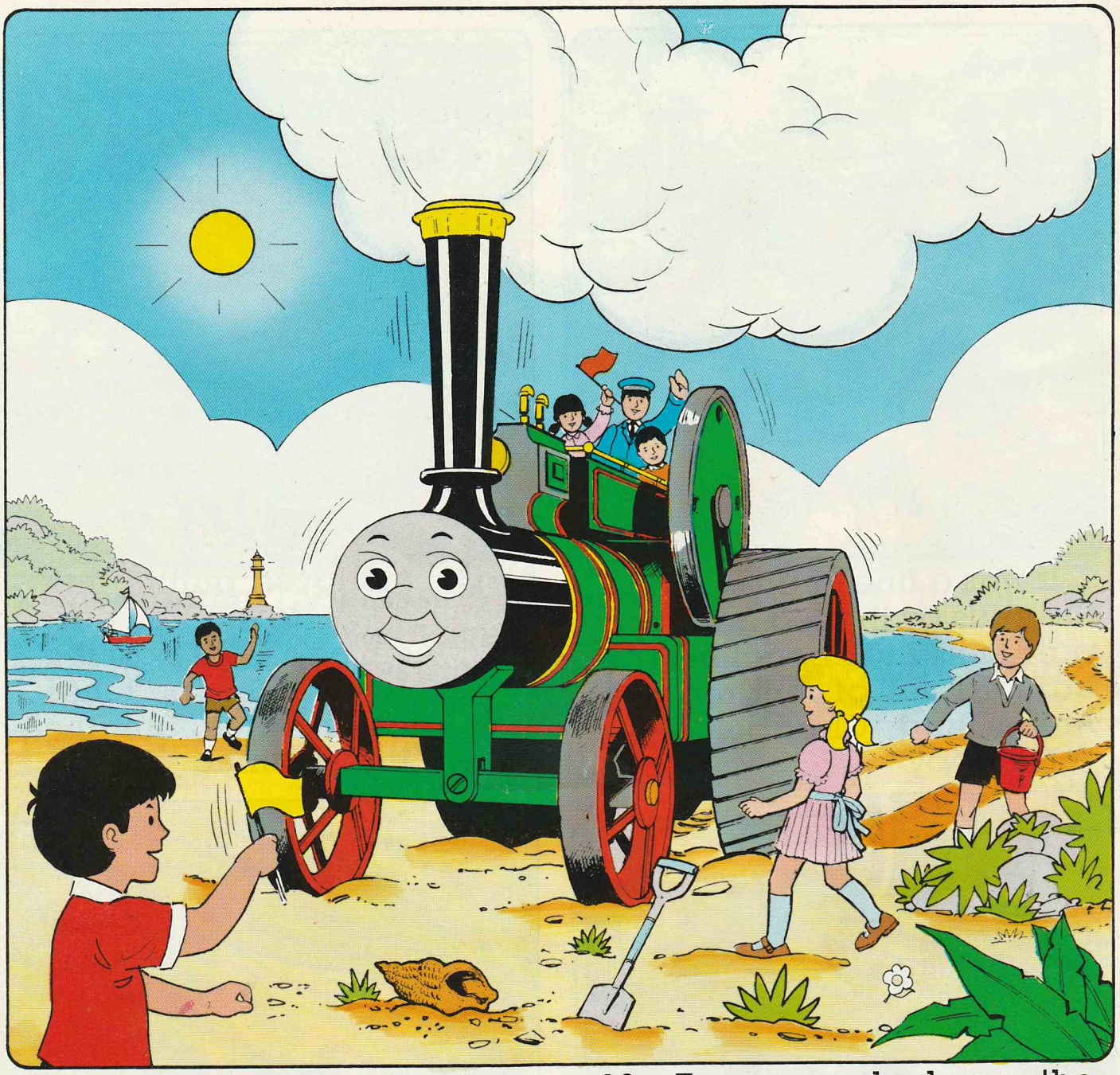
8. Thomas loved pulling the Special. His favourite part was when they went past the fun fair. One of the beaches had donkey rides but the other had nothing.



9. This gave Thomas an idea. The next day he stopped by the Vicarage. His driver went in to see the vicar. "Hullo, Thomas," said Trevor. "What's going on?"



10. "Wait and see," said Thomas, mysteriously. At last his driver came out. "It's all been arranged," he said. "I've just telephoned Trevor's driver and he agreed."



11. Thomas came back to the Vicarage the next Saturday. He brought a flat truck to carry Trevor and took him down to the beach. Then Trevor spent the whole day giving rides to children there. It was wonderful to be working again and no work could have suited him better. Trevor loves children and children love Trevor!

12. Trevor worked on the beach for the rest of the season. Thomas gave him a cheery whistle each time he passed by and Trevor whistled back, "Poop! Poop!" Many people saw Trevor working on the beach and some asked about hiring him. Now he sometimes gets extra work and he **always** looks forward to the Spring!

THE END

In our next issue: Bumps!